



KICK-OFF THE HOLIDAY SEASON WITH A FESTIVE FAMILY EVENT

Bring your entire family and join the rest of Naval Station Newport as we kick off the holiday season with the annual *Lighting of the Holiday Tree* on Monday, December 2 at 4 p.m. The tree is located on the corner of Perry Road and Luce Avenue (near Gate One) and will come alive with lights as spectators enjoy festive holiday music and light refreshments compliments of the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department. Don't miss Santa's GRAND entrance— sure to delight children and parents alike!



DECORATE YOUR DOOR AND YOU COULD WIN



Active duty and active reserve military families living in base housing, are invited to participate in the MWR sponsored, *Holiday Door Decorating Contest*. Participants are asked to photograph their decked out front door (in color, please) and submit the picture (with your name, address, command, home and work telephone numbers) to the MWR Publicity Office, Naval Station Newport, 1121 Meyerkord Avenue, Newport, RI 02841 or email to CourvilleA@nsnpt.navy.mil. Emailed photos should be no larger than 8 x 10 inches and should be submitted in .jpg format, if possible.

The contest begins on Monday, December 9 and all entries must be received by close of business on Monday, January 6. Incomplete entries will be disqualified.

The winner(s) will be notified by Friday, January 10. The grand prize is a pair of tickets to *The Phantom of the Opera* at the Providence Performing Arts Center on Sunday, March 2. Second and third place winners will receive gift certificates for complimentary Brunch for Two at the Officers' Club's weekly, all-hands, Sunday Brunch.

For more information, call either Amy Burnes at 841-4038 or the MWR Publicity Office at 841-4992.

JOIN TICKET CONNECTION ON A SKI TRIP TO NEW HAMPSHIRE'S MOUNT SUNAPEE ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Now is the time to sign up for the Ticket Connection's annual ski trip on Saturday, February 1! This year, we are heading north to New Hampshire's Mount Sunapee, featuring 9 lifts and 60 trails covering over 220 acres. Novice, intermediate and expert skiers as well as snowboarders will find trails to challenge



their skills. Cost is \$49 per person including round-trip transportation and an all-day lift ticket. Departure time is 5 a.m. and we will return at approximately 8 p.m. Register at the Ticket Connection Office, Building 656 or call 841-3116 for more information.

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Watch for holiday hours of operation for MWR facilities in the Plan of the Day (POD), Navy Cable Bulletin Board and the *NAVALOG*.

TICKET CONNECTION HAS FESTIVAL OF TREES TICKETS

The 25th anniversary celebration of the Festival of Trees kicks off on Friday, December 6 with a champagne preview party and silent auction, featuring fabulous donated items, at the Naval Undersea Warfare Center Gymnasium in Building 80. Tickets are \$15 per person or \$25 per couple (if purchased in advance) and include champagne, non-alcoholic beverages, hors d'oeuvres and entertainment. Advance tickets may be purchased at the MWR Ticket Connection Office, located in Building 656. The preview party and silent auction take place from 7 to 10 p.m.



The festivities continue from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, December 7 & 8. Admire the hand-decorated evergreen trees, visit with Santa Claus, see the amazing, talking Christmas tree, and enjoy a weekend full of entertainment. Admission is \$1 per person, fifty-cents for children, \$3 family and seniors are admitted free. All festival proceeds are donated to local non-profit community and military support organizations. For information about the festival, contact Cynthia Rose at 841-8731.

GREAT STOCKING STUFFER IDEAS FROM THE TICKET CONNECTION

Visit the Ticket Connection, Building 656 for a variety of gift items that will make your holiday shopping a cinch! Stop in today and purchase one or more of the following for the special people on your gift list:

Movie Passes	\$6.00	Holiday or Opera House Theaters
	\$5.00	Jane Pickens Theater
Providence Bruins Ticket Vouchers	\$11.50	Good for any regular season home game
Wachusett Mountain Lift Tickets	\$42.00	Save \$2 weekends & holidays; \$4 weekdays
Mount Sunapee Ski Trip (2/1/03)	\$49.00	Includes transportation & lift ticket
6-Flags Season Pass- Agawam, MA	\$57.00	

Providence Performing Arts Center Sunday Matinees

<i>Miss Saigon</i>	\$54.00	January 12, 2003
<i>Phantom of the Opera</i>	\$65.00	March 2, 2003



For more information, visit the office or call 841-3116

U. S. HOT ROD MONSTER JAM TICKETS

Ford Trucks presents the U. S. Hot Rod Monster Jam, racing hard and crushing cars like you've never seen, at the Dunkin' Donuts Center in Providence, R.I. The MWR Ticket Connection at Building 656 has discounted tickets for the 8 p.m. performance on Friday, January 24. The legendary lineup features *Gravedigger*, *Gun Slinger*, two-time champion *Black Stallion* and the new Latin sensation *El Toro Loco*; also featured will be four-wheel ATV action of the Quad Wars and impressive aerial motorcycle stunts of freestyle motocross. Tickets are priced at only \$12.50 (\$20.00 at the door) and must be purchased by January 3. For more information, call 841-3116.



PERSONALIZED LETTERS FROM SANTA

Make a child's Christmas extra special by requesting a personal letter from Santa! It's easy to do: simply contact Jeff Dunn, the Military Youth Activities Director at Gym 109 and provide the child's name and other information needed to customize the letter (teacher's name, special gifts wanted, etc.) Provide a stamped envelope, and Santa will address it and send the child a personalized letter. Childrens' information can be dropped off at the director's office in Gym 109.

Letters will be mailed December 9-18 to ensure arrival before Christmas. For more information call 841-7196. **Deadline for this event is Friday, December 13.**



SIGN UP FOR THE INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL LEAGUE

The adult intramural basketball league is scheduled to begin on Monday, January 6 and is open to active duty, retirees, reservists, dependents and DoD civilians ages 18 & over. Registration begins December 9 and will be accepted Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Gym 109 until Friday, January 31. The league is divided into age categories for players 18 & over and 35 & over, and games are played Monday through Friday evenings at 5:30, 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. on courts one and three. There is a **\$15 fee for DoD civilians** and teams are limited to four DoD participants. All teams are required to pay a \$100 refundable forfeit fee, and teams must have matching shirts with numbers by the first game. The season runs through March 14.

A coaches meeting for both leagues will be Wednesday, December 18 at 4:30 p.m. in Gym 109. For more information, call Jim Gauch at 841-7196.



3 ON 3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT AT GYM 109

Burn off some holiday calories and stress at Gym 109's 3 on 3 basketball tournament on Friday and Saturday, December 13 & 14. The tournament is open to all eligible patrons and there is no charge for military or dependents to participate. There is a **\$15 DoD fee**. The tournament will

be divided into the following age brackets: 10 to 12 year olds, 13 to 15 year olds, 16 to 18 year olds, 18 & older, and 35 & over. Pre-register your threesome at Gym 109, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., by December 10.

An informational meeting will be held in Gym 109 on Thursday, December 12 at 4:30 p.m. For more information, contact Jim Gauch at 841-7196.

SWIMMING LESSONS BEGIN JANUARY 6 AT POOL 307

Pool 307 is pleased to offer swimming lessons for swimmers of all experience levels. Children as young as 6 months of age are invited to learn elementary swimming skills and basic water safety. Lessons will take place January 6 through March 1 and cost just \$40 for 8 sessions. Registration begins December 9 at 3 p.m. Lessons are available Monday through Saturday, making it easy to fit them into your schedule! Register at Pool 307 or call Jeff Cornell at 841-6628 for more information.

PARENT/TOT - 6 months to 3 years of age - Parent and child work in the water with an instructor to learn basic swimming and safety skills. Class meets once a week Wednesday 5 to 5:30 p.m.

PRE-SCHOOL - 3 to 5 years of age - Child learns basic water safety and swimming skills. Participants will wear floatation devices (bubbles) only when necessary. Class is once a week, days and times available are: Monday 3:30 to 4 p.m. or 4:30 to 5 p.m., Wednesday 3:30 to 4 p.m., Friday 4 to 4:30 p.m., Saturday 11 to 11:30 a.m. or 12:30 to 1 p.m.



LEVEL 1 - 6 years of age and up - Participants have had limited or no prior swimming instruction. Objective is to develop basic swimming and safety skills while becoming comfortable in the water. Class is once a week, days and times available are: Monday 4 to 4:30 p.m. or 5 to 5:30 p.m., Tuesday 4 to 4:30 p.m., Wednesday 4 to 4:30 p.m., Friday 3:30 to 4 p.m. or Saturday 12 to 12:30 p.m.

LEVEL 2 - 6 years of age and up - Must be able to swim front and back crawl for 15 yards. Will refine strokes and learn elementary back stroke. Class is once a week, days and times available are: Monday 4 to 4:30 p.m., Wednesday 4:30 to 5 p.m. or Saturday 11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

LEVEL 3 - 6 years of age and up - Participants must be able to swim front and back crawl for 35 yards and backstroke for 15 yards. Will learn to swim longer distances, the sidestroke and breaststroke. Class is once a week, days and times available are: Tuesday 3:30 to 4 p.m. or Wednesday 5:30 to 6 p.m.